

CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
APRIL 2, 2018
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

- Mayor Auringer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

ROLL CALL

- Council Members present: John Ries, Dennis Terrell, Clete Frederick, Ryan Short, and Mayor Tim Auringer.
- Staff present: City Administrator Jennifer Bromeland, Police Chief John Kopp, Public Works Supervisor Brian Goettl, Administrative Clerk Brittany Grassman, and Deputy Clerk Kerry Rausch.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Perry Madden, 103 Connie Lane, stated the Tator Days is scheduled for the third weekend in July and the committee is looking for volunteers. He also thanked city staff for their help in previous years.
- Trent Talle, 424 Thomas Drive, and Dan Ruschmeyer, 208 Connie Lane, asked for authorization to obtain specs to purchase of a new fire truck and the purchase of new turnout gear. This discussion was added under New Business of the agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Council Member Frederick moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell, to approve the March 5, 2018 City Council minutes. The motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Mayor Auringer highlighted the resolution appointing Cole Hoins to the Park Board
- Council Member Ries asked to put 2018 Wage Increases for Eligible Employees for further discussion which will be included under new business.
- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

PRESENTATION

1. Jennifer Bromeland introduced Brittany Grassman as the new Administrative Clerk
2. Mayor Auringer presented Marian Mallory with a plaque in honor of her retirement and thanked her for her years of service to the city.
3. 2018 Capital Improvement Plan and Cost Estimate Overview-Owen Todd-Bolton
 - Administrator Bromeland stated the water main looping on the west side of 598th Ave is of interest and was scheduled to take place in 2018.
 - Owen Todd with Bolton and Menk explained the city has not worked on infrastructure since the Parkway Avenue project in 2011. This project will help

ensure service to more properties in the event of a water main break and to have service in place for future development. Timing for this project may be an issue and Mr. Todd recommended Council consider bidding as a working day project. The work for said project would be located in the ditch and therefore the roadway would still be open to the public. Funding options were briefly discussed.

4. City of Mankato Transit: Overview of Proposed Transit Routes and Schedules in Eagle Lake – Todd Owen
 - Paul Vogel and Todd Owens with the City of Mankato presented a mass transit plan which would include bus service to Eagle Lake. Through a grant received this service would be fully funded through June 2018 after that a cost share would need to be determined for the City of Eagle Lake. Cost for residents to use service would be the same as that in Mankato. This service would provide pre-determined drop off locations.
5. CTS Proposed Surveillance Camera System
 - Todd Tanhoff, Xac Dinsmore, and Kyle Dammer of CTS were present and presented a quote for surveillance equipment to be potentially installed at City Hall and City parks. The possibility of lease options was discussed along with if this equipment would be motion activated.
 - Council discussion included picture quality, on going expenses, how to retrieve and download surveillance video and if an electrician would be needed for installation.
 - Council agreed this is an item that can be looked at during the 2019 budgeting process.
6. Eagle Lake Community Development Foundation
 - Perry Madden and Michael Stalberger of the Foundation explained how the Foundation has been active in Eagle Lake and that they are looking for volunteers. One goal of the Foundation is to solicit donations of which a portion will go into the endowment fund. On May 11, 2018 the Foundation will be holding a fund raiser at the American Legion from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm with an All Age Music Festival.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposal for Cleaning Services at City Hall
 - Administrator Bromeland stated that three quotes have been obtained for monthly cleaning of City Hall and recommended accepting quote from Fresh Start Cleaning and Restoration at \$110.00 per month.
 - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to accept the quote from Fresh Start Cleaning and Restoration. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
2. Proposal for Window Cleaning Services at City Hall
 - Administrator Bromeland stated two proposals have been received for annual cleaning of windows at city hall, both inside and outside and recommended City Council consider accepting the proposal from Ambrose Window Cleaning at the amount of \$150.00
 - Council discussion included the need to clean windows twice a year.
 - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell, to approve the proposal by Ambrose Window Cleaning to clean the windows at city hall twice a year. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

3. Blue Earth County Childcare Forgivable Loan Program
 - Mayor Auringer explained that each community would receive \$35,000 to use towards the childcare forgivable loan and that each city council is able to customize and develop the rules for their city's loan program.
 - Council discussion included potential city liability, which is 50% in the case of a loan default and what the need of child care is in Eagle Lake. Christine Black-Hughes, 400 Thomas Drive, stated daycare needs can be found on the Children's Defense Fund's website.
4. Street Sweeping Bids
 - Three bids have been received and staff recommended Council consider accepting the bid from Peters Striping in the amount of \$2,068 and \$95.00 per hour with a tow hour minimum for any extra sweeping.
 - Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick, to accept the street sweeping bid from Peters Striping. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
5. Fire Truck Purchase
 - Fire Chief Dan Ruschmeyer presented an estimated cost of \$500,000 for a new pumper truck along with possible add-ons the department feels would be beneficial.
 - Council discussion included the amount of funds set aside for this purchase, the condition of the truck being replaced, the resale value, and the possibility of keeping the old truck if the resale price is not good.
 - Council asked that balances in all set aside funds to be determined, identify maintenance costs for the past 3 years and determine if we are replacing the correct truck, and determine if it would be cost effective to maintain the current truck.
 - Chief Ruschmeyer also stated that the fire department is looking at replacing turn out gear which will cost approximately \$90,000.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

1. Movie Night through Community Education is scheduled for June 22 with activities starting at 7:00 p.m. and the movie at 9:00 pm. Administrator Bromeland is even will be an all hand on deck event for city staff to showcase the city in a good light. Council Member Short stated he has spoken to a contact who would be willing to use their drone to take pictures of this event.
2. Public Works Director Update – 5 candidates have been interviewed and the top three candidates will be interviewed by Council on April 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
3. Sanitary Survey Report for Eagle Lake PWS-no deficiencies were found, but there were some recommendations.
4. Open Book Meeting Notice -meeting will be held the week of April 16-20, 2018 at Blue Earth County's Taxpayer Service.
5. 2020 Census Workshop – Administrator Bromeland will be attending this workshop on April 12, 2018.
6. Sewer Customer Meeting-There will be a public hearing on April 11, 2018 where they will discuss recommendations and how it will affect Eagle Lake residents.
7. Railroad Crossings-Blue Earth County has Canadian Pacific Railroad regarding the poor condition of the railroad crossing in Eagle Lake and asked that they be repaired.

COUCNIL MEMBER'S UPDATE

1. Council Member Short asked that the boulevards and grounds along Parkway Avenue be treated for weed control.
2. Council Member Frederick asked about sidewalk plans and stated he has been contacted by residents asking for them to be installed.

CLOSED MEETING

- Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick, to close the meeting at 8:20 p.m. to discuss a possible offer on a property located at 301 Parkway Avenue. Motion

carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell, to reopen the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

PURCHASE OFFER

- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to offer Abdi Hinda, owner of 301 Parkway Avenue, a final and best offer of \$90,000, and to allow Mr. Hinda to remove any and all contents and coolers, with a closing to occur in 90 days and giving Mr. Hinda fourteen (14) days to accept offer.
- Council Member Ries amended his motion, to say Mr. Hinda has seven (7) days to accept offer. Council Member Short seconded the amendment. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

- Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

Tim Auringer, Mayor

Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk